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PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3723
Anderson II et al.)	
)	Examiner: Nguyen, D.
Application No: 10/816,431)	
)	Atty. Docket No: LAM2P468
Filed: March 31, 2004)	
)	Date: February 23, 2005
For: METHOD OF AND PLATEN FOR)	
CONTROLLING REMOVAL RATE)	
CHARACTERISTICS IN CHEMICAL)	
MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION)	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, the term for response to which extends to March 9, 2005, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.